

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner presented reasons for allowance of claims 9-11 and 13-27 in the Office Action dated July 14, 2006.

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 CFR 1.104(e). In the present case, applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

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